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EBONEE SPEARS

Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts. If you know where Spears may be, call Wilmington Police at (910) 343-3600 or use Text-a-Tip.

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OUR VOICE



MARC MORIAL

GUEST EDITORIAL "Nation's Governors and Mayors Admirably Step In To Fill the Leadership Vacuum Left By President's Failure on Coronavirus Crisis" BY MARC MORIAL PAGE 4

BRUNSWICK COUNTY



BERNEST HEWETT

SCHOOL SYSTEMS PROVIDE MEALS

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

We are in a stressful time, and we, as Christians have to continue to pray. The school systems are preparing meals for the kids. Let us use them! Keep in contact with your community leaders for information regarding these programs. We will get through this together!

Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.

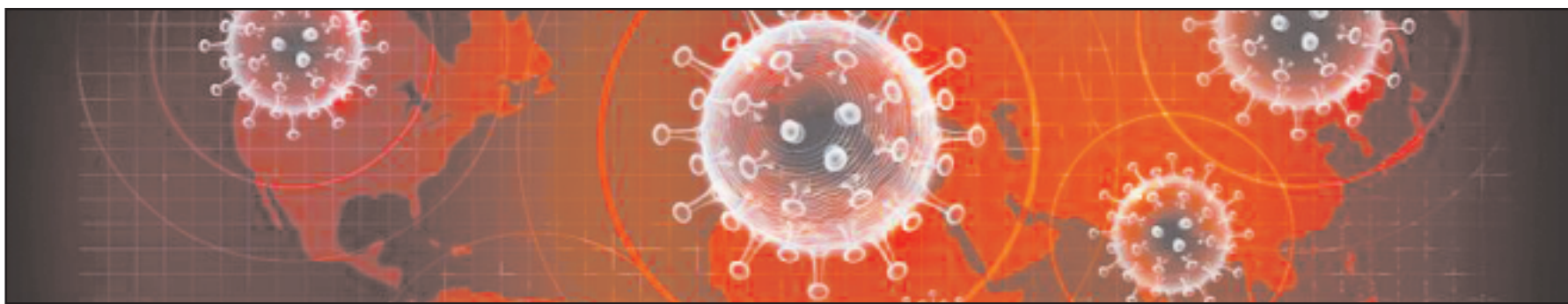
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COVID-19 UPDATE

What if you think you have COVID-19, but don't have health insurance?

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

This is the story that is everyone's worst nightmare.

On March 18, a 17 year old teen in Los Angeles County, Ca., suffering from respiratory problems, went to a nearby urgent care center for treatment. However, because the young man did not have health insurance, he was refused, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Instead, he was sent to a nearby hospital, where the teen later died.

The Los Angeles County Health Department initially reported that the teen died as a result of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) but later backtracked, saying more confirmation was needed.

Still, whether the boy had COVID-19 or not, the fact remains that the first place of healing where he was rushed rejected him because he was uninsured.

According to the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as of 2018, 30.1 million Americans under the age of 65 did not have health insurance. Before the COVID-19 crisis,

that fact was considered unacceptable.

However, now, in the midst of one of the deadliest pandemics in human history, especially for poor communities of color, that fact could be life threatening.

Here in North Carolina, just over one million had no health insurance per the latest figures from 2018, according to the U.S. Census.

So what should anyone who suspects he or she or a loved one has COVID-19 do if it becomes clear medical attention is needed and there is no health insurance?

According to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, "Call your nearest Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). If you feel you may have COVID-19, be sure to disclose that when you call to obtain an appointment. FQHCs are community-based health care providers that receive federal funds to provide needed health services in communities across the state."

Go to https://www.ncchca.org/health-centers/find-a-health-center/to locate the FQHC in your area.

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NEW HANOVER COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE:

Case count at 39, COVID-19 reporting, quarantine after travel, and PPE donations

NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NC - New Hanover County Public Health officials are investigating five new positive cases of COVID-19. Four cases appear to be travel related, and one case appears to be community transmission. This brings the county's total positive case count to 39. The individuals are isolated and Public Health is working on contact tracing to determine those who have been in close contact with them.

Of the 39 New Hanover County positive COVID-19 cases, 16 are males and 23 are females. The age ranges of current cases are as follows:

- 0-17 years old: zero cases
18-24 years old: 4 cases
25-49 years old: 12 cases
50-64 years old: 12 cases
65+ years old: 11 cases

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Dean of the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. Joseph Lowery, dead at 98



DR. JOSEPH LOWERY

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY OF TRICEEDNEYWIRE.COM

Only a few hours after Barack Obama was declared the first Black president of the United States, Nov. 8, 2008, a reporter - on the phone with the Rev. Joseph Lowery, dean of the civil rights movement - asked him how he thought Black leaders and the Black press should hold President Obama accountable.

Known for his deep wisdom and quick wit whether preaching or conversing, Lowery - long time president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference - was clear and concise in his answer. He said, "We must speak truth to power no matter what color power is."

His lifetime of that wise counsel, fiery sermons and dynamic civil rights leadership came to an end on Friday, March 27, as Lowery died, leaving his civil rights contemporaries, his family, loved ones, students and

many protégés, students and followers around the world to celebrate and carry on his legacy. He was 98 years old.

"The Reverend Joseph Lowery was born and raised in Jim Crow Alabama with no power or privilege to speak of. But he had preaching in his blood. He had a conviction that he could join and inspire others to push for change. And he huddled with Dr. King and a few others in Montgomery to write the play-book and lay the groundwork for the movement that was to come," wrote President Obama in a release responding to Lowery's death. "From those early days of the movement to his long leadership of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, he did so much to carry us ever closer to the just, fair, inclusive, and generous America promised in our founding ideals. With boundless generosity, patience, and moral courage, he mentored and encouraged a whole new generation of activists and leaders."

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4th Circuit Appellate Court grants NC legislative motion in voter ID case

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

On March 27, by a 2-1 decision, a three-judge panel of the U. S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals granted a motion by North Carolina Speaker of the House Tim Moore, and N. C. Senate President pro Tem Phillip Berger to intervene in a lawsuit brought by the NC NAACP and six local NAACP branches against members of the State Board of Elections, alleging that the 2018 voter photo identification law, passed by the Republican-led NC

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"If you are not able to be  
seen at an FQCH, call your  
local health department  
(https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divi-  
sions/public-health/ county-

health-departments). Free and  
charitable clinics may also be  
able to provide assistance. A  
map of these resources, includ-  
ing contact information, is pro-  
vided by the Office of Rural  
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If you are having a medical  
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als-without-health-insur-  
ance-who-are-not-feeling-well,  
should.

For people who think they  
might have COVID-19 and have  
mild symptoms, the Centers for  
Disease Control and  
Prevention now recommends  
they stay home and call their  
doctor if you need medical  
advice. Most people who get  
COVID-19 will have mild illness

and recover at home. NCDHHS  
has developed a fact sheet to  
help North Carolinians know  
what to do if they are sick.

Share the Fact Sheet  
(https://files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/d-  
ocuments/files/covid-19/C19-  
PatientGuidance-3.23.20-  
FINAL-003-.pdf.

## NH COUNTY

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"There is no medicine or  
vaccine right now to fight  
COVID-19, and this virus  
spreads easily and has the  
potential to impact anyone -  
regardless of age," said  
Public Health Preparedness  
Coordinator Lisa Brown.  
"So everyone in our commu-  
nity needs to stay home  
unless travel is absolutely  
necessary, keep your phys-  
ical distance from others,  
and wash your hands often  
and well. Those are some of  
the best things you can do to  
help lessen the spread of  
COVID-19 and stay well."

## COVID-19 reporting

The county has started to  
only report positive cases in  
the county (and not pending  
and negative results), due to  
changes in the NCDHHS  
guidance that no longer  
requires pending or nega-  
tive test information be re-  
ported to local public health  
departments. Positive test results, and  
other important informa-  
tion, are available at  
Health.NHCgov.com.

In addition, the county

received several inquiries  
today asking if there have  
been any deaths related to  
COVID-19 in the county. As  
of 6 p.m. today, Public  
Health has not been notified  
of any COVID-19 deaths in  
New Hanover County. In the  
event that Public Health is  
notified of a death specific  
to COVID-19, the county will  
release general information  
regarding the death, but not  
any personally identifiable  
information to ensure the  
family's privacy is respected.

## Quarantine after travel

The CDC has urged resi-  
dents of New York, New  
Jersey, and Connecticut to  
refrain from non-essential  
domestic travel for 14 days,  
due to extensive community  
transmission of COVID-19.  
Therefore, travelers return-  
ing to New Hanover County  
after domestic travel from  
areas with widespread com-  
munity transmission, cruise  
ships, riverboats, or by air  
travel should also stay home  
for 14 days after returning.

Personal protective  
equipment donations

New Hanover County and  
New Hanover Regional  
Medical Center are actively

working to procure addi-  
tional personal protective  
equipment (PPE) for health-  
care workers and emer-  
gency personnel. Anyone in  
the community can donate  
PPE for this effort as well.  
Donations can be dropped  
off at NHRMC Business  
Center, 3151 S. 17th Street,  
Wilmington. Hours are  
Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6  
p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2  
p.m. Accepted items include:

- Unused masks rated N95  
or higher: 3M Healthcare or  
NIOSH approved preferred
- Full face shields
- Impervious gowns: AAMI  
Level 2
- Gloves: Nitrile or non-  
latex preferred
- Unused earloop masks
- Unused surgical masks
- Unused surgical masks  
with face shield
- Unused goggles
- Medical/dental gowns

"So far, we've had 25,000 per-  
sonal protective equipment  
items donated from our com-  
munity for this effort," said  
New Hanover County Board  
of Commissioners Chair Julia  
Olson-Boseman. "I am so  
proud, but not at all surprised,  
at how our community has  
come together and supported  
one another during this diffi-

cult time. I know we are all  
feeling anxious about the  
weeks and months to come,  
but our actions today and the  
proactive way we are all  
preparing will help us slow  
the spread of this virus and  
protect our invaluable health-  
care workers and those at  
greatest risk."

## Stay home, stay safe

As a reminder, New  
Hanover County residents  
are now under the Governor  
Cooper's state-wide Stay at  
Home Executive Order as  
well as New Hanover  
County's additional county-  
wide restrictions. Residents  
should only leave their  
homes for essential work, to  
take care of others, obtain  
food, seek medical care, or  
volunteer for a charitable  
service. Groups are limited to  
no more than 10 people, and  
people must practice physical  
distancing and remain six feet  
apart from others. While  
restrictions are in place, a cur-  
few is not in effect for New  
Hanover County.

View a list of frequently  
asked questions related to  
the current orders, which  
includes a list of essential  
and non-essential business-  
es.

## Slow the spread

Steps that everyone can  
take to slow the spread of  
COVID-19 include:

- Comply with the Govern-  
or's Stay at Home Order  
and New Hanover County  
restrictions.
- Follow proper social dis-  
tancing protocols. Don't  
gather in groups of more  
than 10 and stay at least 6  
feet away from others.
- Stay home if you are  
sick, even if you are an  
essential worker. And cover  
your coughs and sneezes.
- Wash your hands often  
with soap and water for 20 sec-  
onds.
- Clean and disinfect sur-  
faces that are frequently  
touched (like your phone,  
tablet, countertops and daily  
work surfaces).

As of 6 p.m. on Wednesday,  
April 1, 2020, there are 39 posi-  
tive cases of COVID-19 in New  
Hanover County. For updates  
and resources related to the  
COVID-19 virus in New  
Hanover County, visit Health.  
NHCgov.com/Coronavirus,  
call our Public Health  
Coronavirus Call Center at  
910-798-6800, and follow the  
county's trusted social media  
pages: Twitter, Facebook,  
Instagram and Nextdoor.

## LOWERY

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None would know more  
about his leadership and  
example than his three  
daughters, Yvonne, Karen,  
and Cheryl, and his 12  
grandchildren who are  
receiving prayers and con-  
dolences from Americans  
and people of other nations  
this week.

"Our entire family is hum-  
bled and blessed by the over-  
whelming outpouring of  
love and support that has  
come from around the globe.  
We thank you for loving our  
father, Dr. Joseph E. Lowery,  
and for your continuous  
prayers during this time,"  
the family said in a state-  
ment. "Dr. Lowery's life was  
driven by a sense of obliga-  
tion to our global commu-  
nity and desire to champion  
love over hate; inclusion  
over exclusion."

While respecting the  
Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention's guidelines  
on COVID-19 prevention and  
social distancing, the  
Lowery family announced  
that plans are underway for  
a private family service with  
a public memorial to be held  
in late summer or early fall.

Meanwhile, the family  
has asked that donations be  
made to The Joseph &  
Evelyn Lowery Institute for  
Justice & Human Rights.  
Donations can be sent to The  
Joseph & Evelyn Lowery  
Institute, P.O. Box 92801,  
Atlanta, GA 30314. After  
nearly 70 years of marriage,  
his beloved Evelyn Lowery  
died on Sept. 26, 2013.

Dr. Lowery's tireless life  
and works were recalled this  
week by multiple civil rights  
colleagues who issued state-  
ments.

"He was an exceptional  
visionary with tremendous  
follow through and he was  
very successful in taking the

SCLC to the next level in  
terms of entrepreneurship,  
building the worldwide  
recognition of the organiza-  
tion and educating society  
about Dr. King's philosophy  
and contributions. He was a  
highly effective leader," said  
Dr. Charles Steele, current  
president and CEO of the  
SCLC. "He had the gift of  
understanding people and  
working with individuals  
from all sectors of society.

He was recognized as a great  
orator for delivering some  
powerful speeches, but he  
was just as gifted at motivat-  
ing people from different  
cultures, religions and agen-  
das to convene at the table to  
work together for the com-  
mon good. With the prob-  
lems we are addressing  
today around the world, he  
would continue to be that  
catalyst to bring folks  
together. He was that glue  
that kept us at the table until  
we found the solutions."

Lowery was known and  
loved for his sacrificial  
heart for others. Heads of  
civil rights organizations  
generations behind him,  
learned from his style of  
leadership.

"I was blessed to be men-  
tored by Dr. Lowery as he  
served as a founding board  
member for the National  
Coalition on Black Civic  
Participation, that was  
founded in May 1976," said  
Melanie Campbell, presi-  
dent/CEO of the National  
Coalition on Black Civic  
Participation and Convener  
of the Black Women's  
Roundtable. What I remem-  
ber most about Dr. Lowery  
was he taught me and so  
many others--the power of  
unity, the power of working  
together and the power of  
coalitions, to move our  
Black agenda forward in  
good times and in bad times.  
My favorite quote by Dr.  
Lowery, that motivated gen-  
erations to keep up the fight

for justice was: 'We ain't  
going back. We've come too  
far, marched too long,  
prayed too hard, wept too  
bitterly, bled too profusely  
and died too young, to let  
anybody turn back the clock  
on our journey to justice.'

National Urban League  
President/CEO Marc Morial  
described Lowery as a  
"bridge between the civil  
rights movement of the mid-  
20th century and the current  
era, working side by side  
with Dr. Martin Luther  
King, Jr., and speaking at the  
inauguration of  
President Barack Obama.  
The loss of a voice of his  
stature during a time of  
intense crisis in the nation  
is especially wrenching."

The following is just a  
part of Dr. Lowery's biog-  
raphy from http://www.low-  
eryinstitute.org/about-  
joseph-lowery/:

Hailed as the "Dean of the  
Civil Rights Movement"  
upon his receipt of the  
NAACP's "Lifetime  
Achievement Award," Rev.  
Dr. Joseph Echols Lowery  
has assumed and executed a  
broad and diverse series of  
roles over the span of his  
eight decades: leader, pas-  
tor/preacher, servant,  
father, husband, freedom  
fighter, and advocate.

One milestone in this  
remarkable journey took  
place on August 12, 2009  
when President Barack  
Obama awarded him the  
nation's highest civilian  
honor: The Presidential  
Medal of Freedom, in recog-  
nition of his lifelong com-  
mitment to the nonviolent  
struggle for the causes of  
justice, human rights, eco-  
nomic equality, voting  
rights, peace and human  
dignity. Prior to that, on  
January 20, 2009, in his  
inimitable style; Dr. Lowery  
delivered the Benediction on  
the occasion of President  
Obama's inauguration as

the 44th President of the  
United States.

Born in Huntsville,  
Alabama, on October 6th,  
1921, Rev. Dr. Lowery's lega-  
cy of service and struggle is  
long and rich. His genesis as  
a Civil Rights advocate dates  
to the early 1950s where, in  
Mobile, Alabama he headed  
the Alabama Civic Affairs  
Association; the organiza-  
tion which led the move-  
ment to desegregate buses  
and public accommoda-  
tions. In 1957, with friend  
and colleague, Dr. Martin  
Luther King Jr. he was a Co-  
founder of the Southern  
Christian Leadership  
Conference (SCLC), where  
served in an array of leader-  
ship positions, including:  
Vice President (1957-67);  
Chairman of the Board  
(1967-77); and as President  
and Chief Executive Officer  
from (1977-1998).

In 1961, he was one of four  
Alabama pastors whose  
property was seized by the  
Alabama Courts in an his-  
toric, precedent setting libel  
suit, Sullivan v. NY Times,  
Abernathy, Lowery,  
Shuttlesworth, & Seay,  
because of their civil rights  
work. The United States  
Supreme Court vindicated  
the ministers in a landmark  
ruling which remains an  
important element in the  
protections afforded the free  
speech rights of the press,  
and of citizens advocating  
and protesting for justice  
and societal change.

In March of 1965, he was  
chosen by Dr. King to chair  
the Delegation delivering  
the demands of the Selma-  
to-Montgomery March  
George Wallace, the  
Governor of Alabama. As  
the world witnessed,  
Wallace ordered the  
marchers beaten in the in-  
cident that came to be known  
as "Bloody Sunday", which  
ultimately led to enactment  
of the Voting Rights Act.

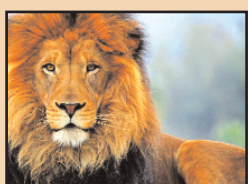
Throughout his career,  
Rev. Dr. Lowery's commit-  
ment to human rights and  
social justice exists on a  
global scale. His work result-  
ed in the desegregation of  
Nashville, Tennessee  
schools, presenting Nelson  
Mandela with the Martin  
Luther King Jr. Human  
Rights Award following his  
release from prison in 1990,  
leading a peace delegation to  
Lebanon and nations in  
Central America to seek jus-  
tice by nonviolent means,  
and securing millions of  
dollars in contracts for  
minority businesses in the  
Southern region of the  
United States.

His efforts also emphasize  
the need to uplift and  
empower historically disen-  
franchised communities.  
Ranging from supporting  
the families affected by the  
Atlanta "Missing and  
Murdered Children Crisis"  
through setting up funds  
with Citizen Trust Bank,  
demanding election reform  
and economic justice as  
Convener of the Georgia  
Coalition for the People's  
Agenda (GCPA), to advocat-  
ing for the rights of Black  
farmers discriminated  
against by the Department  
of Agriculture - Rev. Dr.  
Joseph Lowery remains  
committed to cultivating the  
Beloved Community and  
reminds us to "turn TO each  
other not ON each other!"  
Ebony Magazine, in recog-  
nizing Rev. Dr. Lowery as  
one of the nation's "15  
Greatest Black Preachers,"  
described him as the "con-  
summate voice of biblical  
social relevancy, a focused  
prophetic voice, speaking  
truth to power", and his  
strong dedication to faith  
and inclusion is evident in  
all of his work.

As Obama concluded this  
week, "He was a giant who  
let so many of us stand on  
his shoulders."

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hunters will get all the credit." ----- AN AFRICAN PROVERB



STATE BRIEFS



**DURHAM REP. MARYANN BLACK, 76, DIES**

[DURHAM] She was a long-time Durham County commissioner and social worker, well respected and regarded both in her community, and in the state legislature,

where she was appointed to serve in 2017. Rep. MaryAnn Black, 76, died last week. Reportedly she was being treated for cancer. NC Democratic Party Chair Wayne Goodwin said of Rep. Black, "She proudly served her local community long before joining the General Assembly and was committed to improving the lives of all North Carolinians - from raising wages to advocating

for environmental justice to addressing the opioid epidemic."

**SEN. BURR'S STOCK TRANSACTIONS BEING PROBED BY U.S. JUSTICE DEPT. AND SEC**

[WASH. D.C.] U.S. Sen. Richard Burr is staring down the barrel of more than just a Senate ethics investigation per allegations

that he cashed in \$1.7 million worth of stock right before the COVID-19 stock market crash in February, based on classified government information. Published reports now say Burr, who leaves office in 2022, is being probed by the U.S. Justice Dept., and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Burr has countered that his stock trees were solely based on

public information, but a tape of an address he gave to wealthy donors contradicts that claim. Burr has been urged to resign.

**NC ELECTIONS BOARD MAY MAKE ELECTION DAY A HOLIDAY**

[RALEIGH] Last week the NC Board of Elections agreed to recommend to the NC General Assembly several changes to election law

in light of the COVID-19 crisis. One of the changes suggested is to make the Nov. 3rd General Election Day a state holiday, which would expand the pool of potential Election Day volunteers from the elderly, to students and teachers. Lawmakers said they will consider the list.

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General Assembly in 2018, was "racially discriminatory in its intent."

"The order allows the Speaker of the House [Moore] and the Senate Leader [Berger] to intervene into the litigation as defendants," said Atty. Irving Joyner, Chairman, NC NAACP Legal Redress Committee.

"As such, they are able to fully participate in future proceedings along with State Attorney Josh Stein on behalf of the Legislature. This will probably result in some delays in the proceedings."

"As it stands now," Attorney Joyner continued, "...the trial of this matter in on the [Middle] District Court schedule for January 2021."

Will the NC NAACP appeal the U.S. Fourth Circuit order? Attorney Joyner says that decision "is on our agenda."

It was December 31, 2019, when federal judge, Loretta Biggs informed the NC NAACP that she was granting a preliminary injunction against the 2018 voter ID law passed by the State Legislature, thus disallowing it to be used during the March 3, 2020 primaries.

A few days later, her order was released, citing "racially discriminatory intent" in the passage of Senate Bill 824. State Attorney General Stein, on behalf of the N. C. Board of Elections, indicated that he would appeal Judge

Biggs' ruling for trial but would allow the injunction to stand for the primaries as to not cause confusion with early voting and absentee balloting slated to begin shortly.

However, Republican legislative leaders, who were originally not allowed to intervene or become defendants in the lawsuit persisted in demanding that they be considered.

They failed to do so before the March 3 primaries but now will most likely be included as defendants for

the January 2021 federal court. That means, however, that voter ID still will not be allowed for the November 3 general elections.

Ironically, on March 26, the day before the Fourth Circuit order came down, the conservative pro-voter-ID group, the Voter Integrity Project NC, Inc., filed a "memorandum in support of motion to intervene" in federal court, also seeking to become a defendant to fight against the NC NAACP lawsuit.

No ruling was made on that motion by press time.



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**WILLIAMS**

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man takes the responsibility for nothing. He's been in his job as President for over 30 months—but his go to excuse is to blame President Obama!

At this time, Trump doesn't seem to care about the tragedy that the delayed information about COVID-19 is causing is getting people back to work. His responses are in direct conflict with what health experts are advising since there is no concrete

information on containment of the virus. We already see that when several Asian nations tried that approach, they experienced a resurgence of the virus; but, Trump wants to open up our country by Easter no matter what! While he interferes with what medical experts are saying, he wants to have the country and the economy "raring to go by Easter!" Further, he says, "It's (the country) is not built to shut down. Our people are full of vim and vigor and energy. They don't want to be locked

in a house or an apartment or some space."

Something is wrong with our laws about presidents when they can be recorded with over 16,000 lies in less than one term in office and still be in office with no consequences! How can a sane person lead the American people to believe that even as the virus spreads rapidly, we should drop all the precautions and rush back out to save the economy!

This is a time many of us wish we could just skip ahead to November, vote and bring

sanity back to our country! In the meantime, continue exercising care by listening to the health experts, washing your hands frequently, practicing social distancing, being kind and helpful to others and praying that you aren't guilty of being the cause of spreading the virus.

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**CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES**  
**Confronting evil clothed in Christian Rhetoric**

I was surprised to read that the approval rating for the president have moved into the positive range for the first time since his election. (<https://www.npr.org/2020/03/27/822043781/trumps-approval-hits-new-high-but-a-rally-around-the-flag-effect-is-small>) In light of the coronavirus, and its reign of terror throughout the world, this president has been less than admirable, expressing more concern for the stock market than for the people who are suffering and who may die because of the disease.



**Rev. Susan K. Smith**

And yet, there are those who are throwing lavish praise on him, saying he is the best president this country has ever had. This, in spite of his downplaying the power and virulence of the virus, in spite of ignoring warnings about it as early as December, 2019, in spite of calling it a "Democratic hoax," and in spite of his promise that it would "disappear." His concern about it seemed absent until the stock market took a fall, thrusting the country into economic chaos and heading possibly to a recession.

When that happened, all bets were off. He didn't have time to waste. The booming economy has always been his calling card for re-election. His pandering to corporations, giving them huge permanent tax cuts, reducing and/or cutting government regulations, and siding with causes championed by the Religious Right made it appear that he was untouchable.

And he may yet be, but what is really interesting is that so many of his followers are still calling him the modern-day messiah. While the president has made it an art form to blame any and everybody for things which happen and which are a poor reflection on his presidency, he has the backing of the Religious Right who now point to God as the reason for the virus.

God, says Ralph Drollinger, a favorite of conservative evangelicals, is angry at the world and is showing His wrath through the virus. "Relative to the coronavirus pandemic," said Drollinger, this virus is evidence of a "sowing and reaping" wrath of God. People who are displeasing to God, he posits, have "infiltrated" government, education, the media and entertainment," says Drollinger, and God is not pleased. (<https://theintercept.com/2020/03/24/trump-cabinet-bible-studies-coronavirus/>)

Drollinger is a well-known personality in Washington. He believes that Conservative Christians, based on the words of Jesus found in the Great Commission, Matthew 28:19 are mandated to "take Christ" to political leaders. The leaders, he believes, are to use "Biblical principles" to rebuild America, which, he believes, has fallen because of the influence and presence of liberal secularists.

Drollinger has set up Bible studies in 34 states and in 24 countries. He leads the White House Cabinet Bible Study every Wednesday at 7 a.m. attended by Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, and Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, among others. (His politics and his religious beliefs seem to have a symbiotic relationship (as is the case for us all.) (<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/29/magazine/ralph-drollinger-white-house-evangelical.html>) but his beliefs, clearly conservative and evangelical in tone and substance, are deeply ingrained in him as God's will, and he views his job, his calling, as that of spreading "the Good News" according to Drollinger:

Not that he doesn't use and refer to the Bible. He makes the case for God, through Paul, wanting political leaders to become followers of Christ. He cites verses in the Bible, in the book of Acts and in other places, primarily the Pauline epistles, where the disciples are being told to take "Christ" to the political leaders.

But the goal that Drollinger seems to embrace, and which many of his followers also believe, is the building of political power, aided and supported by capitalism. He pushes the belief that Christians need to "speak truth to power," but their truth and that of other Christians are radically different.

The focus of Drollinger and others who are advising the president is the acquisition and the keeping of political power - the Great Commission - but not taking care of "the least of these" also stated by Jesus, the focus of the "Great Commandment," found in all three synoptic Gospels and the Hebrew scriptures as well.

If there is shock or dismay or concern about the president's apparent lack of concern for people who are suffering, even as he is determined to get the economy back on its feet, it may well be because his focus is being driven by a group of religious people who say their "biblical principles" are those taught by Jesus the Christ. If some people die because of the virus, well, then it's God's will, a result of God's wrath. There is no need to worry, only, work must be done to save the economy, save capitalism - for the good the country and for the children of those who die, making the supreme sacrifice.

Drollinger writes in his book, *Rebuilding America: The Biblical Blueprint*, "Within the Great Commission exists the priority of reaching political leaders for Christ."

That goal is on track, it seems, even as the nation and the world gasp for breath. The president's actions and his words, be they true or not, are OK, it seems, because he is just doing the will of God. And the fact that so many people believe that is a scary, scary thought.

*Rev. Dr. Susan K Smith is nearing completion of a book, "On the Shores of America: Two Nations, Two Gods" and in November, her book, "Rest for the Justice-Seeking Soul" will be released by Whitaker House Publishers. To inquire about booking her, contact [cassady2euca@icloud.com](mailto:cassady2euca@icloud.com).*

**Chuck D: "There's a Poison Going On"**

(Via NNPA NewsWire.com)

It turns out the social media beef between Public Enemy icons Chuck D and Flavor Flav was a hoax.

"April Fools" – sort of. Chuck and Flavor today released brand new music, and the relationship between the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame legends remains as tight as ever.

In an exclusive interview with National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., broadcast live on Facebook and at BlackPressUSA.com, Chuck D debuted the group's new single, "Food as a Machine Gun."

The single features a reunion of Chuck D and Flavor Flav.

"It's the most important rap record ever," the superstar stated.

Chuck D called the record important because it arrives at a time when many still take hip-hop for granted, and that includes African Americans and the artists themselves.

"Last year, I finished a four-year tour of the world with Prophets of Rage, and we played to packed stadiums and I watched Rage Against the Machine do a five-night run to sold out crowds in the [Madison Square] Garden. I saw how loyal their fans were and how wild they are. How much they loved their rock stars," Chuck D stated.

"With hip-hop, our fans aren't like that, and the artists are led by their having to get breadcrumbs."

He said the media and others had taken away the narrative from hip-hop.

"Now, it's time to take the narrative back from those who have side-swiped it. They need to be eliminated," Chuck D added.

In February, news outlets reported that Flavor had been fired from Public Enemy after a dispute erupted between him and Chuck over the group's performance during a Bernie Sanders campaign rally.

Flavor's lawyers released a statement saying that the rapper hadn't consented and was against the group supporting Sanders.

Things appeared to have heated up in the feud after Chuck took to Twitter and seemed to "out" Flavor as having a substance abuse problem.

However, Chuck explained to the NNPA Newswire that, while Flav does enjoy a Hennessy and chaser a little more frequently than what he believes a 60-year-old should, there's never been an accusation of drug abuse, in contrast to the meaning that many took way from Chuck's tweets on social media.

"Flav's name was dragged through the mud so much in 2018 and 2019, so I had to do something to bring him up," Chuck explained to NNPA Newswire.

"My name is kind of Teflon, but his wasn't, so I thought this

was a way of bringing him up. I had people say, 'why are you doing stuff to Flav?' I responded that 'you aren't supporting him. What are you doing to support him?'"

Further, Flav wasn't fired because "you can't fire a partner," Chuck D stated. "It shows you that people don't pay attention."

He called the banter between him and Flav a "hoax that ain't no joke."

"It's a serious hoax," he said. Since the coronavirus outbreak, Chuck and Flav have worked tirelessly on the new CD.

Chuck also has worked on a second CD that includes several friends from the hip-hop community. Both CDs were released simultaneously.

With a degree in the Arts, Chuck has also applied his talents as a graphics, sketch and caricature artist.

He chronicled the past month in a journal filled with narratives and sketches, including eye-opening renderings of Prince, Kenny Gamble, Leon Huff, Notorious B.I.G., and many others.

"I was dismayed about how the whole narrative of hip-hop went into the area where we only talk about dead rappers," Chuck D stated.

"Common gave probably the most incredible performance I had ever seen on television at the NBA All-Star Game in February, and you only heard crickets," Chuck noted.

"Pop Smoke got killed, and the media was on it, and his records rose up the charts. We went through this with Nipsey

Hustle. The narrative is that you've got to be a dead rapper to be relevant in the news, and that's disrespectful.

"I want to use this as a teachable moment. All of that stuff with Flav and Bernie Sanders and the lawyers was all part of a plan. I wanted to see what happens when you present a bad look. And, it worked. I was trending for a bad look, and I thought that for more than 30 years, Public Enemy has given you nothing but good looks.

"We made the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, but this situation with Flav got us trending more than we did then. Thirty years after I made 'Fear of a Black Planet,' the digital age is fixed on what they see. I was on stage with Bernie Sanders, and nobody can tell you what they heard," he said.

Because people tend to be more visual today, Chuck said he thought he'd chronicle the past 30 days. He didn't anticipate a pandemic.

"Just thought I'd show things in pictures with the book, and the coronavirus came along, and there was even more to do," he stated.

The book is titled, "There's a Poison Going On," but the name was decided upon long before the pandemic, Chuck assured.

"It's ironic because, for the whole month of March, there's been a poison going on for real," he stated. "Maybe, people will pay attention to a good look the next time and not always a bad look."

*Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent.*



**Stacy M. Brown**

**Black Press establishes coronavirus pandemic task force and resource center**

(Via NNPA NewsWire.com)

The establishment of the National Newspaper Publishers Association's (NNPA) Coronavirus Task Force and Resource Center is both timely and necessary, and publishers, partners, sponsors, and others should quickly rally around the concept, according to one distinguished NNPA publisher:

"It's extremely important because the Task Force will use the credible sources available to provide vital information to the Black community," stated Dr. Donald M. Suggs, the publisher and executive editor of the St. Louis American, Missouri's largest African American-owned newspaper:

Suggs, who holds degrees from Indiana University and Washington University, said a recent article published in the St. Louis American drove home the point that African Americans must be better informed.

He noted that the NNPA Task Force and Resource Center is positioned to inform the Black community.

"We just had this explosion on our social media platforms and website when we published the story of the first Black woman to die from the virus – she was a nurse," said

Dr. Suggs.

"The story blew up because there's been so much misinformation in our community and the myth that Black people can't get the coronavirus. This was a nurse," continued Dr. Suggs.

Judy Wilson-Griffin, an African American nurse who worked at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital, was the first person in the St. Louis region to succumb to COVID-19.

While St. Louis County Executive Sam Page identified her only as a county woman, the St. Louis American provided more information, including identifying her while noting that Wilson-Griffin had multiple health complications before contracting the virus.

Her diagnosis was confirmed 48 hours after being tested for the virus.

"There's a lot of rumors and I knew that we had a special role to play," argued Dr. Suggs. "That's why the NNPA Task Force is so important. We have to have special, validated information. Our community has a

disproportionate amount of exposure to disease and the NNPA collectively is in position to make certain that they are aware of the kind of information that's out there and relevant to the Black community."

He continued:

"The problem with social media is that there's too much misinformation. People need to have a trusted source of where they get their information. In the Black community, you have other diseases like breast cancer and prostate cancer, and our experience is different from others, so what you would recommend to African Americans isn't what you'd recommend to everyone else.

"We know that African Americans routinely aren't included in clinical studies, so we need to have information available to us, and the NNPA needs to share that information with influential members of the community and the community in general.

"The Task Force will get to the people who are best informed to get that vital information, and we will be able to share the best and most accurate information available."

As of this writing, health officials have confirmed more than 120,204 cases of the coro-

navirus in the United States, with at least 1,997 deaths. Globally, there are nearly 650,926 confirmed cases and more than 30,642 deaths.

"We have not seen this before, and there's still so much uncertainty," said Dr. Suggs. "We know that so many with preexisting conditions and seniors are susceptible to the virus, but I know I've not seen anything like this. Not even AIDS represented this kind of threat to people's well-being and a threat to the economy."

Continued Dr. Suggs: "Look at what's happened over the past few days with the number of cases and deaths rapidly increasing. What's going on in Florida? There are a lot of older people there, and then you have those kids on the beach during Spring Break, and they will go home and spread the virus. This is a challenge.

"This changes from day-to-day, and we all have to take this very seriously. It's a moving target that we're trying to address. We have to talk to those who are informed, particularly from a Black perspective, and that's what this NNPA Task Force will do."

*Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent.*

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## Jails, prisons struggle with spread of Coronavirus

BY BRIANNA NARGISO

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - As COVID-19 continues to spread globally and the U. S. has now become the first country to top 100,000 cases, prisons and jails across the country continue to house inmates and employees who have tested positive for the Coronavirus and authorities are desperately trying to abate the spread.

For example, due to the severity of the virus that had killed 32,137 around the world and 2,054 in the U. S. as of Sunday, March 29, The Board of Corrections, an agency providing oversight of New York City jails, urgently recommended that all people with a high risk of dying from the virus be released from the jail immediately. The board also asked that the jail take the necessary steps to significantly decrease the jail's population immediately since social distancing has been among the keys to preventing the spread of the virus along

with thorough hand washing and decontamination of surfaces.

In response to the recommendation, New York City Mayor Bill De Blasio released 40 people from New York's Rikers Island last Friday and another 23 people on Sunday who were considered at a high risk of dying from the virus.

De Blasio took to Twitter to tell New Yorkers "...an additional 200 being evaluated right now for release who have less than 90 days left in their sentences."

However, the release of 63 people is just not enough to stop the spread of the virus, which easily moves from person to person and can also be contracted from surfaces and the environment where an infected person has coughed or sneezed. Therefore, advocates for the incarcerated are pressing authorities to do more.

Jails throughout the United States have followed similar precautions to protect inmates, staff and the

general public:

As states struggle for answers and public health advocates encourage release of non-violent inmates endangered by the virus, the federal prison system on Sunday, announced its first death. Patrick Jones, 49, who was housed in a minimum security prison in Oakdale, La., has died from the virus after testing positive on March 19, according to widespread reports.

California has also begun releasing large numbers of inmates in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. According to the L.A. Times, Los Angeles County reduced their jail population by 6 percent in February.

Pennsylvania, Maine, Texas, Illinois and Ohio have also begun releasing inmates amidst state outbreaks.

The Bureau of Prisons has suspended all visits for 30 days. Inmate transfers has also been with few exceptions.

Many inmates who are assumed to have had contact with the virus are being quarantined.

The New York City's union for corrections officers have demanded to be given more protective materials like masks, gloves, soap and hand sanitizer.

According to NPR, Arizona and Minnesota prisons have waived copays charged for inmates seeking medical visits and waived fees for personal hygiene supplies amidst the outbreak.

Sen. Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) said in a letter to The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), "Our incarcerated population faces severe threats to their health and safety every day, and BOP must prioritize and work diligently to improve prison conditions nationwide. As the country prepares for coronavirus, it is also incumbent upon BOP—in coordination with HHS—to prevent outbreaks and to safely and humanely treat all affected individuals.

## Can we handle the truth about Coronavirus?

More than half of all Black folks in this country are a vulnerable population!

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Don't you already know everything you need to know about coronavirus? What else is there for you to know that you haven't already heard, you ask?

Every media outlet we turn on and everything we read in the papers inundates us with information about this rapidly evolving coronavirus crisis. On top of that, our "friends" are showing how smart they are by rushing to post every single natural/miracle cure; conspiracy theory; and prediction on the end of the human race. Even people I have known for years have all of sudden become epidemiologists; medical doctors; scientists; and researchers! Regrettably, we have been done a disservice by both the media, as well as our well-intentioned friends. In spite of the best intentions, these new "experts" promote beliefs and folk remedies that could result in dangers equally as bad as coronavirus infection.

During this unprecedented disruption brought to all of our lives, some people are expressing concern that information was held back from them. Folks were upset because they wanted to hear the truth; or so they thought. Instead of continuing to pass on the mounds of gross misinformation and fear-driven behaviors, we should all be only interested in the truth. Well, I'm not so sure we can handle the truth.

Let me share a few "truths" that not only have many of us heard about, but many things are specific to poor people and African-Americans in this country.

Call your doctor: For millions or Black, brown, and poor people in this country, that is not an option. As of 2019, roughly 27.5 million people didn't have health insurance at any point last year, according to figures from the Census Bureau. In addition, an analysis from the CDC and the Kaiser Foundation, 31 percent of blacks, 47 percent of Hispanics don't have a personal doctor! I have looked and not been able to find any data on how many people who are newly insured under Obamacare actually have a primary care doctor they can call. Get my point? This "truth" shows that a whole lot of people are left out when the CDC and other officials tell folks who are already bunkered down, that if they think they have symptoms, "don't go to the hospital; call your doctor first".

Stay in place: This guideline to prevent the spread of coronavirus is probably among the most baffling to me. Let's start with the complexity of many households and families in most of the urban cities where the majority of the poor, Black, and brown people live. One of the most recent studies to look at family household composition was published in the Journal of Black Studies (2007) reported that 39 percent of African-American children did not live with their biological father and 28 percent of African-American children did not live with any father representative. Some families have people live with them that aren't related. Don't forget, the communities where marginalized popula-

tions are the places where you find homeless shelters; halfway houses; safe houses; and boarding houses. Add to that, the many seniors and "sick and shut-in" (many who live alone). The daily challenges in these scenarios means reliance on a variety of support systems in their social network (friends, families, caregivers, neighbors, etc.) as survival tools in everyday living is disrupted or no longer available.

Vulnerable populations: As defined by the World Health Organization, Vulnerability is the degree to which a population, individual or organization is unable to anticipate, cope with, resist and recover from the impacts of disasters. For purposes of the coronavirus pandemic, this includes those who have weak immune systems; elderly; chronic diseases (diabetes, heart disease, obesity); cancer and transplant patients. It has been long established that Blacks have the highest mortality rate (of all causes) and arguably the worst health status of any racial group in the United States. Now think about what we know about the significant percentage of the black population in this country that has high blood pressure; diabetes; obesity; kidney failure; heart failure; cancer; asthma; COPD; and cast of other diseases. Just doing some rough calculations, it seems like no stretch of the imagination to conclude that more than half of all Black folks in this country are a vulnerable population!

I felt it was important to write this particular column, so that we are all clear about the specific impacts of this pandemic, and how it will disproportionately impact black, brown, and poor people in ways that others won't be affected. Somebody has to (sadly) always look at what happens in this country, and ask the question, "how will this affect my community".

COVID-19 (coronavirus) is real, it's deadly; and it's going to be with us for possibly the rest of this year.

Please continue to pay attention to the information from credible sources. Don't become a victim to your friend who all of sudden has become a "master healer". Stick to factual information. Always make sure that you understand, with every piece of information or official directives, seek the truth.

We know this is wreaking havoc on our families, our communities, our nation, and our world. It is the great equalizer. Just be sure to ask yourself if you can say you have thoroughly considered how this pandemic is affecting you and your family...if you can handle the truth.

Remember, I'm not a doctor. I just sound like one. Take good care of yourself and live the best life possible!

The information included in this column is for educational purposes only. I do not dispense medical advice or prescribe the use of any technique as a replacement form of treatment for physical, mental or medical problems by your doctor either directly or indirectly. Glenn Ellis, is Research Bioethics Fellow at Harvard Medical School and author of Which Doctor?, and Information is the Best Medicine. Ellis is an active media contributor on Health Equity and Medical Ethics. For more good health information visit: [www.glennellis.com](http://www.glennellis.com).



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**Johnnie Willis, Jr.**

Johnnie Lee Willis, Jr., age 92, of Navassa, passed away Saturday, March 7, 2020. A celebration of Mr. Willis' life was held on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at Mt. Calvary AME Church. Burial followed in Meares Cemetery.

Johnnie accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Mount Calvary AME Church in Navassa, North Carolina. He was employed with Estech Chemical Fertilizer Plant as a Chemical Operator for 20 years. After retiring from Estech, he gained employment with Farlowe Pollard Construction for a number of years. Johnnie then continued doing what he loved, planting his garden and doing various yard jobs.

Everyone who knew Johnnie enjoyed him telling them stories from way back in his days of growing up. His memory was very sharp for a 92-year-old.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Evelyn A. Willis; his daughter, Christine Y. Richardson; two stepsons, Marvin Davis and Charles Andrews; two brothers, David Willis and Willie Willis; four sisters, Esteria Johnson, Addie Myers, Laura Willis and Louise Willis.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: one son, Anthony Willis of Wilmington, NC; two daughters, Pamela Willis and Poinsettia Willis of the home; a special grandson, Jaqual Willis; a special granddaughter, Antonette Faison; 20 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; one sister, Rose Mosley of Navassa, NC; a special nephew, Ernest Mosley, Jr.; two special nieces, Virginia McKoy and Melisha Johnson; a host of other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, including two dear friends, Charles Wells and Chris Bunn. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

**Renee L. Mallette**

Renee L. Mallette, age 93, of Wilmington, passed away, Saturday, March 14, 2020. A private service will be held at a later date. Her love will remain in the hearts of her son, John Mallette (Joy Mee) of Wilmington and 4 grandchildren. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

**Lasalle Jones**

Lasalle, age 68, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 20, 2020 surrounded by his loving family and caregivers.

Lasalle was born to Mamie Jones on August 17, 1951. He His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Selma Lewis; children, Rosaline Lewis (Tony), Mamie "Tewanna" Lewis and Telicia Lewis all of Winston-Salem, 8 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and a host of other family and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

**Joanne P. Lane**

Joanne P. Lane, age 71, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, March 18, 2020. A celebration of Mrs. Lane's life was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed at Pine Forest Cemetery.

Mrs. Joanne Pershia Lane, daughter of the late Timothy Brown and Helen Pershia McRae was born December 2, 1948 in Wilmington, North Carolina. She married Milton Lane on September 16, 1966 and to this union four children were born: Michael, Ronald, Stacy and Kevin. Joanne was educated in the public schools of New Hanover County and a member of the Williston Senior High School Class of 1967. Her religious training as a child was at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Wilmington. As an adult she joined Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church as a faithful member serving on the Usher Board. Joanne faithfully attended Wednesday evening bible studies. Joanne had a plethora of career endeavors which included banking and pharmaceutical employments. Her community involvement included "Project Task Force" (a community service project organization) having served as President, Secretary and Treasurer. Having been reared in the Love Grove Community of Wilmington, Joanne remained connected to the community by supporting fundraisers and projects.

Joanne leaves to cherish her memory, her husband of 53 years Milton Lane, her four children: Michael (Angela), Leland NC, Ronald of Greensboro NC, Stacy Dashiell (Roy, Jr.) and Kevin of Leland, NC. Sister Helena Berkley (Fredzen) of Wilmington, Aunt Mabelle Bryant of Tabor City, NC, fourteen grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, two brothers-in-law, seven sisters-in-law including a very special sister-in-law, Ms. Carrie Mae "Fat Baby" Brown, along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

**Rosa J. Gordon**

Rosa J. Gordon, age 66, of Southport, passed away Monday, March 23, 2020. A graveside service was held on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at John Smith Cemetery, Southport.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her son, Aaron R. Davis (Camona) Lexington, MS; siblings, William Ingram (Julie) of Asheville, Troy Ingram of Baltimore, MD, Kenneth Wayne Ingram of Southport, and Linda Benard (Robert) of Asheville, 2 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

**Dillard McKoy**

Dillard McKoy, age 94, of Wilmington, passed away, Sunday, March 29, 2020. A celebration of Mr. McKoy's life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Sunday, April 5, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home. *VIEWING ONLY FOR THE PUBLIC (1) hour prior to the service (NO GATHERING OR LINGERING). ONCE YOU VIEW AND SIGN THE GUESTBOOK PLEASE EXIT TO ALLOW OTHERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW. Interment will follow in Dark Branch Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Robert F. Hewett, age 72, of Bolivia, passed away, Sunday March 29, 2020. *VIEWING ONLY FOR THE PUBLIC 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Friday, April 3, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home - Bolivia, 1705 Southport Supply Rd., Bolivia, NC 28422 (NO GATHERING OR LINGERING). ONCE YOU VIEW AND SIGN THE GUESTBOOK PLEASE EXIT TO ALLOW OTHERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW. A celebration of Mr. Hewett's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 2100 Zion Hill Rd SE, Bolivia, NC 28422. Interment will follow in church cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

**Robert F. Hewett**

Annie Lee Corbett died March 23, 2020. Graveside services were held on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at Greenlawn Memorial Park. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Annie Lee Corbett**

Robert Lee McDonald died March 23, 2020. Graveside services will be held on Friday, April 3, 2020 at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Visitation will be 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2020. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Robert Lee McDonald**

Charles Fields, Sr., died March 19, 2020. Graveside services were held Thursday, March 26, 2020 at Northwest Cemetery. Charles was born to the late Tom and Cornelia V. Fields in Brunswick County on December 17, 1930. He was preceded in death by his wife, Oretha Fields and one son, seven grandchildren, four sisters and three brothers. He was reared in Leland, NC, Northwest Community. Gudda, Runt, Mr. Fields and Charles were all names he was affectionately known by. Charles loved and enjoyed life to the fullest. He was a hard worker; working as a logger or cutting fire wood or working with his livestock or gardening, growing the finest crops. When the work was done, he could be found some place enjoying sports, dancing, laughing, joking and lovingly picking on his family and friends. Most will remember he never had a problem enforcing discipline. Left to cherish his memories: six daughters; Carlene F. Reaves of Castle Hayne, NC, Arnetta F. Ballard (Hubert), Barbara F.

**Charles Fields, Sr.**

Robins and Elsie McKoy of Leland, NC, Florence F. Jones (Demeeko) of Fayetteville, NC and Linda Johnson of Wilmington, NC; four sons, Ernest Fields (Margaret), Charles Fields, Jr., and Charles Caldwell, Sr. (Jenny) of Leland, NC and Charles W. Fields, III (Barbara) of Kenansville, NC; 39 grandchildren; 115 great-grandchildren and 36 great-great-grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews, cousins, countless friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

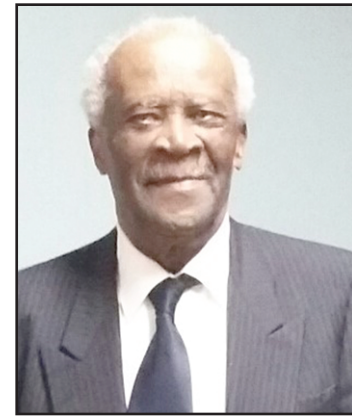
Milton Eugene Allen died March 24, 2020 in Chicago, IL. Graveside services were held 1:PM AM on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at John Chapel Cemetery, Castle Hayne, NC. Milton was born to the late Richard Allen and Elaine Grady Allen on July 13, 1956 in Wilmington, North Carolina. He attended the New Hanover County Public Schools. He was employed at General Electric as a chemical mixer before relocating to Chicago, Illinois. In Chicago he worked as a top chef and a security guard. Milton accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age and joined St. James AME Church in the Rockhill Community. Milton was a fun-loving individual. He had a uniqueness about him. He loved people and people loved him! Milton had an infectious smile; one you'd always remember. He could bring a smile to anyone's face. To know him was to love him and he was loved. He had a unique ability to reframe the most ordinary events in such a way as to cause all who were listening to burst out in uncontrollable laughter. It was because of this God given talent his friends and acquaintances were in agreement that he missed his true calling, which was to be a comedian. Milton was preceded in death by

**Milton Eugene Allen**

his loving parents, his mother, Elaine Grady Nix; father, Richard Allen; brother, Calvin Earl Grady and sister, Gloria May Harrison. He leaves to cherish his memories: his daughter, Nakpangi McClam (Reggie) of Woodbridge, VA; his son, Demarcus Treadway of Chicago, IL; his grandchildren, Chancellor and twins, Kyra and Ryan; his significant other, Brenda Pitts of Chicago, IL; siblings, Laurice Long (Clayton) and Harriet Williamson (Charles) all of Leland, NC, Phyllis Drye (Alfonza) of Jacksonville, FL, Ricky Allen (Emil) of Wilmington, NC, Donna Allen of Castle Hayne, NC and Terry Allen (Jessica) of Wilmington, NC; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, family and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

George "Duke" Pugh, Sr., died March 29, 2020. There will be NO Service. Visitation ONLY will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, 2020. George "Duke" Pugh, Sr., son of the late David Pugh, Sr. and Amanda Wright Pugh was born May 3, 1921 in Clarendon County, South Carolina. He departed this earthly life on March 29, 2020. He was preceded in death by his

wife, Ida Mae; his only son, George Jr.; granddaughter, L. Denise and grandson, "His" Brian Keith "Sleepy" White. George, affectionately called "DUKE" was a member of St. Stephen AME Church for 50+ years. This year in January he was honored as a "Pillar" of St. Stephen AME Church 85+ years old. Duke was employed with the City of Wilmington for 34 years as one of the first Meter Readers. He leaves to cherish fond memories: his loving daughter, Lillie Pugh Shrewsbury; loving granddaughter, LaShawn T. White and her son, LaManuel; great-grandson, Deunte and his children, Aaron Jr., Jamari, and Kenndi; 2 great-granddaughters and their kids; raised like a daughter, Delores Carter Belen; devoted cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Pugh, Sr and family; devoted cousins-in-law, Mrs. Lillie Martin Robinson and family; other dear and loving family members including, Leroy Shiver Jr., Tony Gore, the Pugh, Rivers, Junious, LeSine, Miller and Canty families as well as our South Carolina, Virginia and White Plains, NY families; other relatives and thousands of loving friends and YOU. The family wishes to thank Cedar Cove Assisted Living for their dedicated services rendered to Mr. Pugh. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*



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## COVID-19: Black churches employ innovation to worship during a pandemic



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BY LAUREN VICTORIA BURKE  
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Black churches in America have faced the challenges of wars, arson and racism written into the law.

Following several slave revolts, including Nat Turner's Rebellion in 1831, Virginia passed a law that required that a white person be present during service. The COVID-19 pandemic has presented an unprecedented challenge for Black churches which, in part, is financial.

In the wake of a killer pandemic impacting all businesses and local travel, African American churches across the U.S. have been forced to be innovative and make quick adjustments to hold services.

Paul James, pastor of CareView Community Church in Lansdowne, Pa, told the media that, "counter-intuitive to most churches, especially the Black church... where we're just glad to get together because of how hard life has been historically for us here in America. Church has been a safe place for us. It's been a safe harbor. Now here we are faced with the inability to come together."

On the first Sunday of the COVID-19 crisis in America, March 15, many churches either held service or cancelled it, as the initial news of the seriousness of the pandemic was just becoming public. President Trump declared a national emergency on March 13, just two days beforehand.

Now, weeks later, many Black churches are using conference calls, Facebook Live, Instagram, YouTube and other video conferencing technologies to hold services. A serious complicating factor for all churches is the inability to pass the collection plate. The revenue collected every Sunday pays salaries and the mortgage at many Black churches. Online fundraising has become an answer but for many churches, in-person cash donations are more effective.

The importance of faith and the church for African Americans in America is unquestioned. Church has not only been a place of worship but a refuge in times of trouble. It has been a meeting place away from white racism and oppression. Black church pastors provided almost all of the key players in the civil rights movement. The church was the headquarters and meeting place

for planning and organizing in the African American struggle for freedom. In many Black communities the church is the rock and community cornerstone, particularly for seniors.

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Dr. Chris Carter had service in church observing the "six feet apart rule." Members of the choir at his church, New Hope Baptist Church in Hampton, Va, sang six feet apart from each other and were shown on a Facebook livestream. Both churches already had livestreams every Sunday but now the technology is essential for service in a way it had not been in the past.

On Sunday, March 29, President Trump extended the period for federal guidelines to deal with the deadly COVID-19 pandemic to April 30, 2020 — which would be after Easter Sunday — arguably the biggest gathering of churchgoers of the year.

The numbers of COVID-19 deaths continue to rise. In New York City, officials are currently setting up a field hospital in Central Park. That unthinkable scene was matched by the city setting up a hospital inside the Jacob Javitz Center on the West Side of Manhattan.

At Brookdale Hospital Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York, a makeshift morgue was set up in a large trailer, after the hospital morgue, which typically can accommodate twenty bodies, quickly filled to capacity. Black churches and other institutions are now forced to plan for the unknown.

What history has taught us is that nothing has ever stopped the institution of the Black church. But COVID-19 is one of its most difficult challenges to date.

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### TELL SOMEBODY

"Let not your hearts be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." John 14:1  
"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you." John 14:27

Christ Comforts His Disciples

Stress: Physical, mental, or emotional strain or tension

Relief - Ease or deliverance through the removal of pain, distress, oppression

**W**e are living in the last days. People are stressed out. Real or imagined, there are a lot of things going on that bring tension or anxiety to our lives. Jesus Christ wants to comfort his disciples in the midst of all that is going on around us.

Everyone in our household is living with some measure of stress. The children have been stressed

Out of their schools, some with or without caregivers in place. The parents are being stressed out of their jobs and their bills are still due. Times in which we live are uncertain and they are also unprecedented!

Our nation is going through tumultuous times.

Our United States is becoming more and more divided every single day. We are divided socially, economically, racially, and politically. We are polarized in so many ways. If we are not careful these differences of opinions or ideologies will continue to tear us apart.



Sylvia Hooper

Our problems are not just local, but regional, statewide, national, worldwide. What shall we do? Who can we trust? Our society is stressed out; trying to cope with the following stressful situations.

1. What happens if I get sick?
  2. What happens if my children get sick?
  3. What will I do if my spouse dies?
  4. What will happen to my children if I pass away?
  5. My job just shut down, how am I going to pay my bills?
  6. How can I put food on the table with no job?
  7. Who is in control?
- Jesus knew this day was

coming. There is nothing new under the sun.

Phillipians 4:6,7

"Be careful (anxious) for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ."

Psalm 23 (entire chapter)

Proverbs 3:5,6

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

JOHN 16:33

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have PEACE. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

My Prayer: Father in Jesus Name, I pray for peace in the souls and the minds of your people. Peace in the hearts of your people. Peace in the church, communities, nations and peace in the entire world.

Send your peace Lord Jesus. Isaiah 26:3 says,

"Thou wilt keep him in

perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

Numbers 6:24

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee;

The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Amen++

Tell Somebody!!!

"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International. She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!"

### A WORD FROM THE LORD

## The promises of God word are Sure, He promise to answer our prayer

All Scriptures are from the King James unless posted

1Kings 8:56, "Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant."

Jeremiah 32:17, "Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:"

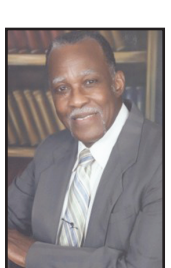
"God's power created the universe; Nothing is too hard for the Lord. He can do anything He chooses to do: (He is waiting for you to call, so can answer)!"

Jeremiah 33:2-3, "Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is his name; 3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." God has given us this assurance that He had the power to answer our prayer: "After all, He is the Creator; the very One who formed the universe and set it in place The Creator of the universe naturally has the power to answer prayer: He has the power to meet the needs of His people, no matter how desperate or hopeless they may be." (Why don't you call Him now)!

2 Corinthians 1:20, For all the promises of God in him, are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. "All the promises of God are sure and true in Christ. In Christ, all the promises of

God are fulfilled in his name, are" amen," so be it; yes, indeed. And when you and I agree and say amen we glorify God.

Notice, in these verses God has authorizes us to pray and He obligated Himself to answer our prayer through Jesus Christ,



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

who is the only mediator between man and God: 1 "Tim. 2:5-6, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Isa. 44:6, "Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his Redeemer the lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me, there is no God."

Isa. 45:18, "For thus saith the lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord and there is none else."

The Bible reveals the will of God regarding healing. God need not give any special revelation of His will when He has given His revealed will in His word. A careful study of the scriptures will show that

God has declared His will includes healing for all. John 14:13-14, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.14 If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it (do you know anything that anything does not includes).

Jesus demonstrated throughout his ministry His will concerning healing: He healed them all! Matt. 12:23-24, "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them." Matt.8:16, "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: 12:15, " But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;" 14:14, " And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick," V35-36, And when the men of that place knew of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased; 36 And

besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole. 15:30-31, And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:31 Inasmuch that the multitude wondered when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel; (These verses we have unlined, reveals the will of God to heal all who call upon in faith). Rom. 10:17, Faith comes by hearing the word of God. 1John 5:14-15, 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us:15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Hebrew 13:8 Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever.

Father, in the name of Jesus, I speak healing, deliverance in the lives of every person who believe and receive your word, as the final authority on the matter let there be a manifestation of your resurrected power in the circumstances of their lives. Amen.

Reverend Naconiel Fullwood currently the pastor of MRDRC Ministries (Miracle, Restoration, Deliverance, Revival Center Ministries Inc.) located in Wilmington, NC.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **John Alexander Johnson, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **12th day of June, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 12th day of March, 2020

Jean Jones Johnson, Executrix  
5722 Camellia Lane  
Wilmington, NC 28409

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **Robert Gerald Coulson**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, who died on December 7, 2019, are hereby notified to present their claims to John J. Peck, Administrator, on or before **June 19, 2020**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the deceased, please make immediate payment.

This 19th day of March, 2020

John J. Peck, Administrator and Attorney at Law  
428 Eastwood Road  
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 19, 26, 2020, April 2, 9, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Muriel Arrena Pearson**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **12th day of June, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 12th day of March, 2020

Elizabeth F. Dawson, Executrix  
422 Forest Hills Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **James B. Hewett**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **12th day of June, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 12th day of March, 2020

Bernest Hewett, Executor  
670 Hewettown Rd. SE  
Bolivia, NC 28422

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2020

**NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Lillian R. Romanak**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **19th day of June, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 19th day of March, 2020.

H. Scott Kennedy, Executor of the Estate of Lillian R. Romanak  
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1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101  
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March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 2020

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION COUNTY OF PENDER FILE #: 20-CVD-283**

**ELIZABETH JUNE TODD-RIOS,**

**Plaintiff,**  
**V.**  
**JUAN RIOS CASTO,**  
**Defendant.**

**TO: Juan Rios Castro**

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is an absolute divorce. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the **22nd day of April, 2020** and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 13th day of March, 2020.

Zachary S. Rivenbark  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
P.O. Box 625  
Burgaw, N.C. 28425  
(910) 259-7772

March 19, 26, April 2, 2020

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 18 JT 205-207**

**IN THE MATTER OF: B.N.P. (DOB: 07/10/2018) J.J.C.J. (DOB: 06/08/2014) S.K.N.J. (DOB: 06/08/2013)**

**TO: RESPONDENT: ASHLEY STEWART, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED CHILDREN BORN IN SANFORD, LEE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, AND FAYETTEVILLE, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, TO ASHLEY STEWART**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-captioned action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor children.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following March 26, 2020, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Yuliya Loshinsky was previously appointed to represent Ashley Stewart, and she can be reached at 313 Walnut Street, Suite 104, Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 939-1125.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 18, 2020, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the New Hanover Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.**

This the 25th day of March, 2020.

Karen F. Richards, Attorney  
New Hanover County  
Department of Social Services  
PO Box 1559  
Wilmington, NC 28402  
(910) 798-3526 (phone)  
(910) 798-7833 (fax)

April 2, 9, 16, 2020

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY**

THE UNDERSIGNED, Peter A. Manley, having qualified on the 10th day of March, 2020, as Executor of the Estate of **Carolyn C. Manley (2020-E-310)**, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at **DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC**, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411, on or before the **15th day of June, 2020**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 12th day of March 2020.

Peter A. Manley  
Executor  
ESTATE OF Carolyn C. Manley  
David Anderson  
Attorney at Law  
9111 Market St, Ste A  
Wilmington, NC 28411

March 12, 19, March 26, April 2, 2020

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 19 JT 125**

**IN THE MATTER OF: N.I.C. (DOB: 12/07/2017)**

**TO: RESPONDENT: ZYNASIA CARROLL, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO ZYNASIA CARROLL**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-captioned action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following March 26, 2020, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

The New Hanover County Public Defender's Office has been appointed to represent Zynasia Carroll, and can be reached at 340 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 343-5400.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 11, 2020, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the New Hanover Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.**

This the 18th day of March, 2020.

Karen F. Richards, Attorney  
New Hanover County  
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March 26, April 2, 9, 2020

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS ESTATE FILE NO. 20-E-204**

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **SHIRLEY J. TILTON**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned, care of their attorney, on or before **June 26, 2020** (which date is at least three (3) months from the first publication of this notice), or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make immediate settlement with the undersigned.

This the 19th day of March, 2020.

KENNETH R. SMITH, Executor of the Estate of **SHIRLEY J. TILTON**  
c/o Randall S. Hoose, Jr.  
ATLANTIC COAST LAW  
314 Walnut Street, Suite 100  
Wilmington, NC 28401-4160

March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS ESTATE FILE NO. 20-E-330**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **WILLIAM ("BILLY") RONALD GILLIKIN, JR.**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned, care of their attorney, on or before **July 6, 2020** (which date is at least three (3) months from the first publication of this notice), or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make immediate settlement with the undersigned.

This the 19th day of March, 2020.

VERONICA STARR AYERS, Administrator of the Estate of **WILLIAM ("BILLY") RONALD GILLIKIN, JR.**  
c/o Randall S. Hoose, Jr.  
ATLANTIC COAST LAW  
314 Walnut Street, Suite 100  
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April, 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Neal Walter Ashcraft, Sr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **19th day of June, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 18th day of March, 2020

Larry Scott Ashcraft, Administrator  
5814 Ocean Hwy East  
Winnabow, NC 28479

March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 2020

**ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Robert Van Nes**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 26th day of June, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This, the 26th day of March, 2020.

Tracey R. King  
5550 Carolina Beach Rd.  
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Administrator of the Estate of Robert Van Nes

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